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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No.: 10/003,529
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OPTICAL CABLE REINFORCEMENTS AND
METHOD FOR MAKING SAME

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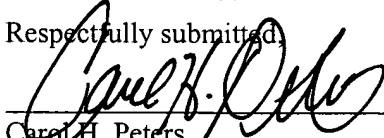
Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

1. Petition for Three Months Extension of Time;
2. Notice of Appeal from the Primary Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Inferences Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.191;
3. Response to Office Action Mailed November 5, 2003;
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